

**TOWN OF ELSMERE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 5:00 p.m.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

At this time, Town Manager, John Giles announced the following items were not permitted in the Council Chambers due to confidentiality: cell phones, pencils, papers, telecommunication devices, etc.

Mr. Giles also requested all information that is heard at this time is to be confidential until the polls close at 8:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Eric Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Eric Scott Thompson – Present
David Lilly – Present
Carl Force – Absent

ACTION: A motion was made by Chairman Thompson to remove Mr. Carl Force as Absentee Ballot Election Judge and replace him with Mrs. Luici Giorgi. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Lilly.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

VOTE:

All in favor

Motion carried

At this time, Mrs. Tina Law turned over the Candidate List and Absentee Ballots to Chairman Thompson for verification that the two lists coincide with one another.

Mr. Giles explained Mayor and Council appointed Mrs. Tina Law the Absentee Ballot Clerk for the 2009 Municipal Elections. He further explained what Mrs. Tina Law handed to Chairman Thompson was the courier envelopes for each of the five Council Districts which Absentee Ballots were requested and received. He confirmed there were no Absentee Ballots requested or received for the 1st District.

Mrs. Tina Law contested to the fact she placed the Absentee Ballots in the courier envelopes and they are here for the Absentee Ballot Judges' review and calculation.

Once the Absentee Ballot envelopes were removed from the courier envelopes for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Districts, they were double checked by Chairman Thompson, Mr. David Lilly, and Mrs. Luici Giorgi, to make sure they conformed to the statutory requirements that they were signed, sealed and not tampered with.

After the aforementioned was confirmed, Chairman Thompson opened the Absentee Ballots by districts, announced the name of the voter, then confirmed for the record that each Absentee Ballot coincided with the list that was provided for those who filed Absentee Ballots. The next procedure confirmed the votes for the candidates. Once each districts votes were announced, Chairman Thompson asked if there were any challenges, he then placed one tally sheet, the Absentee Ballots, and the envelopes into the individual district's secured carrier envelope.

Town Manager, John Giles recommended recording for the record a tally sheet for District one which was placed in the proper carrier envelope 1349XA, with the votes being 0 – 0.

At this time, the six secure carrier envelopes containing the Absentee Ballots and the tally sheets were handed over to the Absentee Ballot Clerk, Mrs. Tina Law, which were then placed in the Town's safe, until such time if a court or Department of Elections request them.

Mr. Giles explained the Absentee Ballots may be returned to the polling place up until the polls close. As of yesterday, everyone who requested an Absentee Ballot had returned them, so there are no outstanding ballots to be returned.

Mr. Giles explained to Chairman Thompson to take the six tally sheets and put them into the carrier envelopes and deliver them to the Election Officers for them to be tallied into the total of the election later this evening.

Chairman Thompson explained the six tally sheets were being placed into carrier envelope 2040XA, to be delivered to the Election Officers.

Mr. Giles recommended to Chairman Thompson for him to keep the key to the carrier envelope and turn the envelope over to Inspector Luici Giorgi. At the time Ms. Giorgi is ready to open the envelope and tally for the Absente Ballots, she will call Chairman Thompson who would then unlock the carrier envelope for her, and she would then enter the results into the machine.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: A motion was made by Chairman Thompson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Lilly.

VOTE:

All in favor

Motion carried

At this time the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes summarize agenda and other issues discussed at this Board of Elections Meeting. Votes are recorded accurately. The audio tape(s) of this meeting will be available at Town Hall for a period of two years from the date these minutes are approved. The audio tapes may be reviewed at Town Hall by appointment and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**ERIC SCOTT THOMPSON
CHAIRMAN**